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PETITION FOR THREE(3) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. SMALL ENTITYJUL 0 9 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The initial period for response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2003 expired March 23, 2004. Pursuant to 37 1.136, petition is hereby made for a three (3) month extension of time in which to respond, up to and including June 23, This application is entitled to SMALL ENTITY STATUS (see attached statement). Attached is a check payable in the amount of \$475 in payment of the petition fee. If any further fees are due, kindly charge same to deposit account 06-0308. If any further extension of time is required, kindly consider this a petition for same and charge any fees to deposit account 06-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

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